



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."
Frederick Douglass

September 10, 2014

English Conversation Group Leaders - Sept. 6 -Dec. 13

English Conversation Group Leaders are needed on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. until Dec. 13 at the Monroe County Public Library. Conversation groups help Spanish speaking parents improve their English and support their children in school. Groups are held in conjunction with Escuelita Para Todos (A School for All) which provides bilingual education for Latino children. Leaders plan and facilitate English reading, writing, and conversation activities. Volunteers must be familiar with American customs, idioms, and vocabulary, and be able to lead two groups per month. Knowledge of Spanish is helpful, but not required. Patience and flexibility are key. VITAL staff provide training and mentoring. Lesson plans are developed collaboratively. Many teaching materials and resources are available. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Bethany Terry at (812) 349-3173 or vital@mcpl.info. (www.mcpl.info)

CASA Child Advocates - Applications due Sept. 19

Court Appointed Special Advocates change the lives of abused and neglected children by representing their best interests in court. Volunteers monitor the child's health and education, help identify the best interests of the child, and submit recommendations to the court. Community members are urgently needed to become child advocates to over 40 waitlisted children. No special skills needed; training and support provided. Applications due Sept. 19 for the training which will be from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Mon. and Thurs. from Sept. 30-Nov. 4. Reliable transportation and daytime flexibility are a must. Minimum age is 21. Contact Kelli Shannon at kelli.shannon@monroecountycasa.org or (812) 333-2272 ext. (www.monroecountycasa.org/volunteer.shtml)

Hoosiers Outrun Cancer - Sept. 20

Hoosiers Outrun Cancer benefits the Olcott Center and includes a 5K walk, 5K run, 1-mile family walk, and 1-mile kids' run. The Olcott Center provides free information on cancer diagnosis, treatment, early detection and prevention. The race will be held Sat., Sept. 20 at the IU Memorial Stadium. Volunteer opportunities include registration, hospitality, safety, and post-race activities and awards. Minimum age is 18; 14 if with an adult. To volunteer, click "volunteer registration" on the left sidebar of the website, HoosiersOutrunCancer.org, or contact Kathy Morrison at (812) 353-5000 or kmorriso3@comcast.net. (HoosiersOutrunCancer.org)

Civil Streets Campaign

Help the Civil Streets Initiative by organizing events, handing out bells, helmets and lights to cyclists, distributing materials to businesses, or sharing posters, bumper stickers and bike stickers at the Farmers Market. The Civil Streets Initiative works to reduce unsafe behaviors, conflicts, frustrations, and crashes among all of Bloomington's road users. Minimum age is 18; 16 if with an adult. Please contact Jacqui Bauer, City of Bloomington Department of Economic and Sustainable Development, at (812) 349-3837 or bauerj@bloomington.in.gov. (bloomington.in.gov/civilstreets)

Protective Order Assistant Partnership

The Protective Order Assistance Partnership is seeking committed volunteers to serve as Protective Order Assistants (POA) for victims of sexual violence, domestic violence and stalking. POAs work one-on-one with patrons to complete Protective Order applications, create safety plans, and provide referrals for emergency needs. Volunteers will have a unique opportunity to assist survivors of violence and to interact with a multidisciplinary team. A minimum six month commitment is preferred. Volunteers must attend the Middle Way House volunteer training and legal advocacy training. Minimum age is 21. Please contact Sarah Hunt at (812) 349-5006 or shunt@co.monroe.in.us.

Community Wish List Spotlight

Sycamore Land Trust

A land conservation nonprofit working with private landowners to protect over 5,700 acres, provide habitat for wildlife, and offer environmental education for all ages. To grant a wish, contact Katrina Folsom at info@sycamorelandtrust.org or (812) 336-5382 ext. 100. (sycamorelandtrust.org)

Wishes: bar height office chair, reliable 4WD pickup truck, cargo trailer, wooden serving bowls, lightweight 6-8 foot folding table, battery-powered lanterns, display easels, ground coffee, electric tea kettle

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

